

***James Broman, Chief***

***Lacey Fire Department and President of the Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs***

James M. Broman serves as the Fire Chief of Lacey Fire District #3, which serves 71,000 citizens, located over 70 square miles in northeastern Thurston County. The district employees 74 career members along with 95 volunteer personnel used throughout the many programs of the agency. Broman serves on the Governor's Fire Protection Policy Board and is the Chair of Professional Development Committee for the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Broman holds a MA degree in Public Administration and received his Chief Fire Officer designation credential through the Commission of Fire Accreditation International.

Broman started his career as a firefighter with the Meridian Township Fire Department in Michigan, and prior to coming to Washington served as fire chief for the City of Englewood, Colorado and the City of Wheaton, Illinois.

***John Conrad, Assistant Secretary***

***Washington State Department of Transportation***

John F. Conrad is the Assistant Secretary for Engineering and Regional Operations with the Washington State Department of Transportation. Conrad serves as chief engineer and oversees daily operations of the agency's engineering, environmental, maintenance, and highway construction programs. He also is responsible for the operations of the agency's six regional offices.

Conrad has an MS degree in Transportation Planning from Kansas State University and a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Nebraska.

Conrad is registered professional engineer in the states of Washington and Kansas. He is chairman of AASHTO Subcommittee on Operations and Management and is the author of several papers. Conrad is a member of the Transportations Research Board, American Society of Civil Engineers and the AASHTO Standing Committee on Highways. Prior to his current position, he was with the firm of Parsons Brinckerhoff working in the United Kingdom on highway program management. Previous to that assignment, he was employed at with the Department of Transportation for twenty-three years, where he held the position of Assistant Secretary for Field Operations Support amongst other positions.

***Mary Corso, State Fire Marshal  
Washington State Patrol***

Mary L. Corso serves as the State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal is responsible for mobilizing the States firefighting resources during a Governor declared emergency such as wildland fires and other disasters. As the director of the Fire Protection Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, Corso is responsible for providing service to fire districts, government agencies, members of the media, and the general public. Services include fire investigations; fire incident reporting and data collection; fire code review and adoption; construction plan review for fire sprinkler and alarm systems; and fire inspections of high risk occupancies housing elderly and vulnerable populations. Additionally, the Fire Marshal regulates the fireworks and sprinkler industry through a licensing program. The Fire Marshal operates the State Fire Training Academy, which provides training to the state's fire departments and districts, and the Certification Program through a standards and accreditation process.

Corso is a graduate of the Fire Protection Program in North Hennepin Community College in Minnesota.

Corso has served on several national committees of the United States Fire Administration; National Fire Information Council; National Fire Protection Association; National Association of State Fire Marshals, and the Pacific Northwest Wildland Coordinating Group and the Firewise Communities Working Group. State Fire Marshal Corso began her career as a firefighter in 1977, and in 1989 joined the Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division.

***Tom Griffith, Director  
Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency, Vancouver, Washington  
Washington State Emergency Management Association***

Tom Griffith is the Director of the Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA). CRESA serves every public safety agency in Clark County Washington and it is the single public safety answering point (PSAP) and consolidated fire, law and emergency medical services (EMS) dispatch center for the County. The Agency also provides emergency management services for the County and all of its cities, oversight of the exclusive EMS ambulance contract and operates and maintains the regional 800 MHz radio system. Tom has been with CRESA since 1994 and the Director since 2000.

Prior to coming to CRESA, Griffith was a 25-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department serving in various field, investigative and administrative assignments.

Griffith holds a BS degree in Management and an AA degree in Police Science.

Tom serves as Treasurer of the Washington State Emergency Management Association, is a member of the Clark County Public Health Advisory Council, co-chair of the Department of Homeland Security - State, Tribal, and Local National Response

Plan/National Incident Management System Workgroup, serves on the Executive Board of the Clark County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and is vice-chair of the American Red Cross Washington State Service Council. Griffith is also a member of APCO, NENA, and IAEM.

***Ken Irwin, Sheriff***

***Yakima County Sheriff's Department, representing the Washington State Sheriffs***

Ken Irwin is the sheriff of Yakima County, serving the 222,581 citizens of Yakima County. As the second largest county in Washington with over 4,291 square miles Irwin's challenges are many. With an emphasis on customer service, improving response time and solving crimes, the sheriff is kept busy.

Irwin holds an AA from Yakima Valley Community College, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, and the Northwest Law Enforcement Executive Command College.

Sheriff Irwin has over 31 years in law enforcement, with 25 years with the Yakima County Sheriff's Department. Prior to his arrival in Yakima, he was a Patrol Officer in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

***Alan Komenski, Emergency Communications Manager***

***Bellevue Police Department, representing the Association of Washington Cities.***

Alan H. Komenski is the Emergency Communications Manager for the Bellevue Police Department. In that position he is responsible for the management of the Eastside Regional Emergency Communications Center. This center serves police and fire agencies in northern and eastern suburbs of Seattle with a total population of more than 650,000 people. Komenski has extensive experience in: communications center management and operations; 800 MHz trucked radio system design; planning and implementation of computer aided dispatch systems; E-9-1-1 planning and implementation; communication center consolidation and regional planning as well as emergency and disaster preparedness, planning and coordination.

Komenski holds a BA degree in Political Science from Oklahoma City University; he has both a F.C.C. General Radio Telephone and an Extras Class Amateur Radio License.

Komenski is the current chairman of the King County Regional Communications Board, a member of the King County 9-1-1 P.S.A.P. Managers Committee, APCO, National Emergency Number Association and many others. Prior to his arrival in Washington (1993) Komenski held several positions in New York and Minnesota when he started his career in 1973 as a Public Safety Radio Technician.

***Timothy Lowenberg, Adjutant General  
Washington State Military Department***

Major General Timothy J. Lowenberg was appointed adjutant general of Washington in September 1999. In his current assignment, Lowenberg serves as the director of the Washington State Emergency Management Division and is the Homeland Security Advisor for the Governor. As the adjutant general, he guides the preparation of the Washington Army and Air National Guard citizen soldiers and airmen to respond in times of state or national emergency. He is responsible for Federal and State missions, assignment of leaders, recruiting, training, equipping, mobilization, facilities and public relations. He is also responsible for formulating, developing, and coordinating all policies, plans, and programs affecting the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard members in Washington.

Lowenberg is a distinguished graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). He received his commission in 1968 concurrent with a BA degree in political science from the University of Iowa. He earned his JD degree from the University of Iowa College of law in 1971.

Previous to this assignment, as the Air National Guard Assistant to The Judge Advocate General, he oversaw formulation, development, and coordination of legal policies, plans and programs affecting more than 114,000 Air Guard members in more than 1,100 units throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. In addition, he coordinated the accession, training, and deployment of all Air Guard judge advocates and paralegals and was responsible for developing and executing the worldwide civil affairs (nation-building) mission of the U.S. Air Force.

***Stuart McKee, Director  
Washington State Department of Information Services***

Stuart McKee was appointed director of the Washington State Department of Information Services (DIS) by Governor Gary Locke in April 2002. As director, McKee serves as chief information officer for the state and heads an agency that provides technology leadership for government organizations across Washington. As a full-service technology agency, DIS develops standardized information technology protocols, and builds out the state's digital government enterprise with innovative and reliable telecommunications and computing architectures.

McKee holds a MBA degree from Gonzaga University in Spokane and a BS degree in Business Administration/Management Accounting from Lewis-Clark College in Lewiston, Idaho.

McKee was most recently Vice President of Global Internet Operations for the Walt Disney Internet Group where he directed a number of the Internet's most visible sites including ESPN.com, Disney.com, ABCNews.com and GO.com. Prior to the Walt Disney Internet Group, he served as General Manager and Senior Executive Producer for GO.com, where he managed all aspects of GO.com's personal.

***Ronal Serpas, Chief  
Washington State Patrol***

Chief Ronal Serpas is the 19<sup>th</sup> Chief of the Washington State Patrol. He was appointed by Governor Gary Locke on August 1, 2001. The WSP is a statewide law enforcement agency employing over 2,200 personnel. Chief Serpas oversees the day-to-day management of the agency's six bureaus: Field Operations Bureau, Fire Protection Bureau (State Fire Marshal), Forensic Laboratory Bureau, Investigative Services Bureau, Management Services Bureau and Technical Services Bureau.

Chief Serpas graduated from the University of New Orleans in May 1998, receiving his Ph.D. degree in Urban Studies, specializing in Urban Crime. Chief Serpas is a graduate of the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the FBI National Executive Institute. In addition to his professional duties, Chief Serpas has served as an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Extraordinary Faculty, Loyola University New Orleans, teaching graduate and undergraduate courses from 1993 until his relocation to Washington State.

Chief Serpas is an Executive Board Member of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs; Executive Board Member for the Western States Information Network; Washington Criminal Justice Training Commission; Washington Traffic Safety Commission; Chairman of the Governor's Methamphetamine Coordinating Council; member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Forensic Investigation Council, Governor's Council on Substance Abuse, Governor's Emergency Management Council, and the Washington Law & Justice Advisory Council. In 1998, he was a National Board Member of the COPS National Community Oriented Policing Resource Board, Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

***Rob Sofie, Chief of Police  
City of Snohomish, representing the Police Chiefs***

Rob Sofie has been the Director of Public Safety for City of Snohomish since 1998. As the Director of Public Safety he is the Chief of Police, Fire Department contract administrator, as well as the City Disaster Preparedness Coordinator.

Sofie has a BS degree in law and justice from Central Washington University, and an AA degree in Criminal Justice from Shoreline Community College. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy as well as the Command College, and WASPC Leadership Institute.

Prior to his appointment to this position, Sofie was a Commander in the Renton Police Department. Sofie began his career in King County working for the General Services Department. He has been a commissioned police officer since 1978. He currently serves as a team leader for the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement. Sofie serves on many boards and commissions including, (past president of) the Snohomish County Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Association, Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission, (Board Member of the) Department of Emergency Management, Commission on Police Ethics, (Vice chair) Washington State Law Enforcement and Training Standards Board,

Domestic Violence Task Force, Community Health and Safety Network, Substance Abuse Advisory Committee, Economic Revitalization Task Force, Sno-Pac Communications Board, Snohomish County Law and Justice Council, Sno County E-911 Board (amongst many more).

***Glen Woodbury, Director  
Emergency Management Division***

Glenn L Woodbury was appointed director of the Emergency Management Division (EMD) in 1992. Emergency Management is a division of the Washington Military Department that includes the Washington Army National Guard and the Washington Air National Guard. EMD coordinates emergency management programs with local governments, public agencies, private organizations, businesses, communities, and individuals to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies. There are four units within this division: Enhanced 9-1-1; Mitigation, Analysis and Planning Response and Recovery; and Policy, Programs and Training. The critical mission of EMD is: to minimize the impacts of emergencies and disasters on the people, property, environment, and the economy of Washington State.

Woodbury has a BA degree in Engineering Sciences from Lafayette College.

Woodbury has served as a volunteer firefighter in East Olympia and currently serves on the District's Citizen Advisory Council. He currently serves as the President of the National Emergency Management Association, a member of the board of directors of the Western States Seismic Policy Council, vice-chair of the Washington State Seismic Safety Committee, he is the Emergency Management Representative to the Advanced National Seismic System National Steering Committee, a board member of the Council of State Governors, member of the International Association of Emergency Managers, Washington State Committee on Terrorism, Washington State Emergency Management Association, and Washington State Fire Defense Committee.